

Please amend the first paragraph on page 2 of the Specification (paragraph [0005] of the published patent application (US 2006/0110217)) as follows:

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided an anchoring device which is suitable for anchoring an elongate member to a fixed member having a slot leading to an edge thereof, the anchoring device comprising a sleeve which is fixable coaxially around said elongate member and which is provided with a circumferential groove, the axial length of which is sufficient to accommodate the thickness of the fixed member at said slot, the outer diameter of the groove being less than the inner diameter of the slot, the anchoring device further comprising a collar member which is carried by, and axially moveable along, said sleeve, said collar member having a leading edge which extends into said groove when the anchoring device is located within said slot, to effectively increase the diameter of said groove and prevent said anchoring device from being withdrawn from said slot, the collar member being arranged such that the leading edge thereof can be withdrawn from the groove by moving the collar member along the sleeve in an axial direction away from the slot, so as to enable the anchoring device to be withdrawn from the slot, wherein the axial length of the peripheral groove is fixed.